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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 PUGET SOUNDKEEPER ALLIANCE, *et al.*,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
14 PROTECTION AGENCY, *et al.*,

15 Defendants.

16 CASE NO. C20-0950-JCC

17 ORDER

18 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' joint status report and stipulated
19 motion to further stay the proceedings (Dkt. No. 55).

20 Plaintiffs bring claims against the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps
21 of Engineers challenging two successive rules defining "waters of the United States" in the Clean
22 Water Act. (*See generally* Dkt. No. 40.) On February 8, 2021, the Court issued an order staying
23 this matter based on President Biden's January 20, 2021 Executive Order. (*See generally* Dkt.
24 No. 47.) The Court extended the stay three times while the agencies' review of the rule and
25 rulemaking process to revise the definition at issue remained ongoing. (Dkt. Nos. 50, 52, 54.)
26 The case remains in abeyance. (Dkt. No. 54)

27 The parties now request a further abeyance pending issuance by the Agencies of a final
28 rule defining "waters of the United States" or a determination by the Agencies that they will no

1 longer proceed with the rulemaking process. (Dkt. No. 55 at 2.)

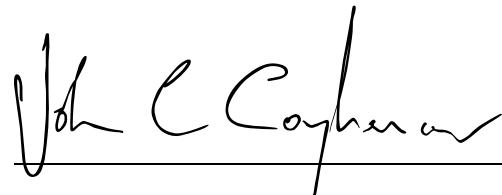
2 Having thoroughly considered the motion and the relevant record, and finding good
3 cause, the Court GRANTS the motion (Dkt. No. 55) and ORDERS:

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1. This matter will remain STAYED until September 1, 2022.
2. The parties must file a joint status report and proposal to further govern proceedings
on or before September 1, 2022.

7 DATED this 4th day of April 2022.

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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE